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1. SUMMARY: 745TH PLENARY SESSION WAS HELD MORNING,
APRIL 19. IRAN MADE BRIEF AND WELL-STUDIED STATEMENT
ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) WHICH FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON
UK DRAFT CONVENTION. US MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ANNOUNCING
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USG DECISION TO SIGN AND SEEK RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL
PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO; MEXICO MADE
STATEMENT WELCOMING USG DECISION. END SUMMARY

2. THE 745TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD CONVENED
MORNING, APRIL 19 WITH BULGARIAN REP (NIKOLOV) IN CHAIR.
IRANIAN REP (FARTASH) MADE THOUGHTFUL STATEMENT ON

CW COMMENTING ON UK DRAFT OF CW CONVENTION. QUESTIONING SCOPE PROVISION, HE SAID HE FELT THAT ARTICLE I WAS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS IN ITS TREATMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE BAN AND CONTAINED LANGUAGE WHICH COULD ONLY "LEAD TO DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATIONS:" FELT, HOWEVER, THAT SCOPE OF FIRST STAGE PROHIBITION SHOULD BE AS GENERAL AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS USING ONLY THE GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION. HE SUPPORTED THE ANNEXING OF ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS AS A MANAGEABLE SOLUTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION. IRANIAN REP EXPRESSED "GRAVE DOUBTS" THAT STATES WOULD ACCEPT OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED ARTICLE III PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION'S ENTRY INTO FORCE. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE ARTICLE VII PROVISION FOR STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION "LEAVES THE DREADED AND EXCESSIVELY DANGEROUS CHEMICAL WEAPONS AVAILABLE TOO LONG..." AND CALLED FOR STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. REFERRING TO UK STATEMENT IN AUGUST 1976 SUGGESTING DRAWING ON THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS EXPERIENCE,P IRANIAN REP EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT A VERIFICATION SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM WOULD BE ADEQUATE IN THE CW AREA. HE SUPPORTED IDEA OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE NATIONAL VS. INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION SCHEME DEBATE. IN CONCLUDING,IRANIAN REP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CCD WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF US/USSR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CW.

3. US REP (MEYERS) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT (REFTEL) ANNOUNCING USG DECISION TO SIGN AND SEEK RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY OF TLA TELOLCO. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) SPOKE WELCOME US DECISION AND GENTLY CHIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USSR FOR NOT SIGNING ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II AND FRANCE FOR NOT BECOMING PARTY TO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I. MEXICAN REP ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW TREATY NEGOTIATING RECORD ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT AND PORT VISIT ISSUES, NOTING THAT THE "TERRITORIAL STATES" HAVE "RIGHT TO GRANT OR REFUSE TRANSIT," AND THAT THEY MAY PERMIT PORT VISITS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW.

4. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOOWING PLENARY, CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY CONVENED INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB). AS THERE WERE NO SPEAKERS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NEXT INFORMAL MEETING ON CTB WOULD BE AFTER PLENARY, APRIL 21, AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

5. NEXT PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING, APRIL 21.SORENSEN

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